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OF THE

Kentucky Institution for the Blind

AT LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1907

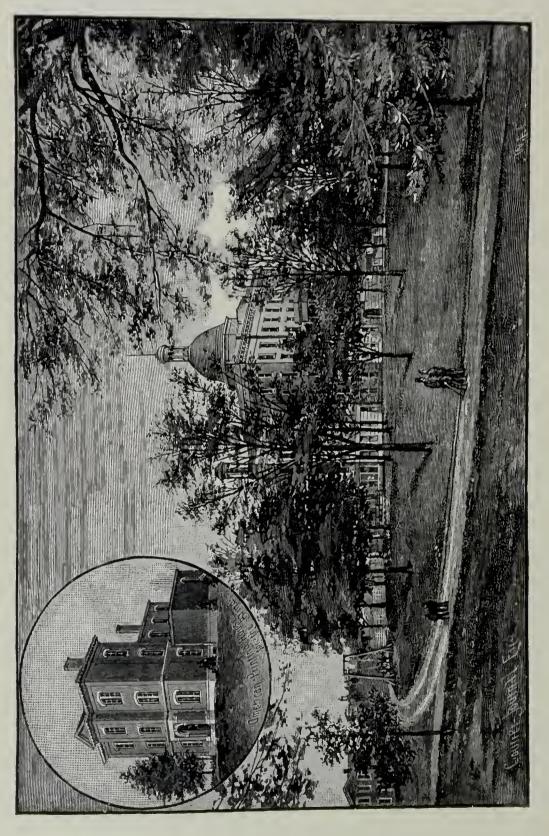
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Charles Frederick.

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Miss Vernette Scoggan,

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Miss Olivia E. Henderson.

TEACHER OF PIANO TUNING.

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SEAMSTRESS.

Miss Mary Barrett.

VISITORS' ATTENDANTS.

Nancy Brooks,

Mary Ferguson.

IN THE COLORED DEPARTMENT.

F. M. Delany, Superintendent. Mrs. Mary S. Delany, Matron. Miss Octavia Wood, Teacher of Music. Miss Lucy Wood, Literary Teacher.



Louisville, Ky., November 1st, 1907.

To His Excellency, J. C. W. BECKHAM,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Honored Sir:—The accompanying report has been read and approved and formally adopted by the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, as their regular report to you and to the General Assembly.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, it is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Visitors.

BENNETT H. YOUNG, President.



REGULAR ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

To His Excellency, J. C. W. BECKHAM,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SIR:—The number of pupils under our charge during the past year, in the white department, was one hundred and thirty-four (134), and in the colored department was twenty-six (26), making in all one hundred and sixty (160).

The names and residences of those in the white department are as follows:

Names.	Residences.
Marietta Abbot	Vanceburg.
Levi Adams	
Edgar Barbee	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Beatrice Bateman	
Minor R. Bell	
Oma Blankenbaker	Louisville.
Lula Boggs	Laurel County.
Elijah Brown	Metcalfe County.
Charles Boone	Nelson County.
Emmons Bullock	Edmonson County.
Auda Calvert	Rowan County.
Edward Calvert	Rowan County.
Manny Carrington	Lewis County.
Arthur Chambers	Louisville.
Percy Chambers	Whitley County.
Howard Childress	Pike County.
Griffo Collins	Webster County.
Aubrey Conway	
Flossie Conway	
Christina Cook	Louisville
Cora Cook	Louisville.
Harry Cook	
Nathaniel Cook	
Baxter Coovert	Boyle County.
Arden Decker	Grayson County.
Richard Dittman	Daviess County.
Lula Doyle	Clay County.
Grover C. Duncan	Louisville.
Ben J. Durham, Jr	Boyle County.
Eva G. Ellis	Warren County.
Tillie Fitzgerald	Louisville.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Joseph Fitzner	_Louisville.
Gertrude Floyd	
Alfred Frost	
Dora Fuston	
Robert Gardner	_
Joseph Gatton	
Virgie Gentry	
Helena Giles	
Catherine Glynn	-
Oscar Gortney	
Louise Grater	
Carl Graham	
Mabel A. Grief	
Lily Gross	
Herman Hahn	
Harry Hahnel	
Robert Hanks	· ·
Telford Havlin	
William Hazlewood	
John Hellon	
Catherine Herndon	_
Anthony Hinzen	
James Howard	
Joseph T. Hughes	
Whitney Hunt	
Charles W. Hurst	
Samuel Isaacs	
Effie Ison	
James A. Ison	
Orrena Jackson	
Mary Jennings	_Hardin County.
Clemoth Jones	_Calloway County.
Iona Jones	
Gladys King	Bracken County.
Clara Kleinhans	_Newport.
John Lasley	_Grayson County.
Lula Lasley	-Grayson County.
Mishti Lasley	Grayson County.
Bessie Lee	_Grayson County.
Lula Lee	
Clara Lile	Green County.
Carl Lohmeier	•
W. J. McDaniel	
Edward McMahon	
Uri Menser	
Bertha Meredith	_
Cora Minton	_

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Effic Minton	-Edmonson County
Lillian Moore	Rowan County
Florence Moore	Webster County
Anna Viola Morgan	Louisville
Nelly Mott	Greenin County
William Murphy	Flord County.
Viola Myers	Poll County.
Allen Naive	Larington
Minnie Ollis	
John O'Malley	
John O'Neal	
Joseph O'Neal	
Ruth O'Neal	
Amy Osborn	
Onie May Outland	
Annie L. Owens	
Edward Patton	
Gordon Perkins	
Walton Perkins	
Martha Philips	
Philip Porter	
Lula Poston	_
Ellen Poynter	-Madison County.
Kate Rankin	•
Chas. Ray	
Luella Rhodes	
Glenn Ricketts	
Marvin Rideout	-Webster County.
Elizabeth Ringo	
Leona Ritchie	
Mary Ritchie	
Samuel Ritchie	· .
Dora Roark	*
Louis Roark	
Elma Roberts	
William Routh	
Larkin Scalf	
Carl Scheben	
Estelle R. Schurch	
Adrian Short	
Elwood Short	
Claud Silvernagle	-Louisville.
Raleigh Stringer	-McLean County.
Joseph Taylor	Fayette County.
Ellen Thomasson	Rockcastle County.
Carrie May Thompson	-Garrard County.
Teresa Thompson	-Marion County.

	NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
	Thos. Truitt	Crittenden County.
	Ella Trumbo	Rowan County.
	Cora Vincent	Edmonson County.
	Dora Vincent	Edmonson County.
+	Olga Vincent	Grayson County.
يبيا تع	Verna Vincent	
	Bridget Welch	
	George White	
	Palestine White	

The names and residences of those in the colored department are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Charles Bethel	Barren County.
Kate Breckenridge	Louisville.
Bertha Cheatham	_Fayette County.
Otis Eades	McLean County.
McHenry Elkins	_Louisville.
Carrie Edmunds	_Lexington.
Albert Ferguson	_Fleming County.
Kate Gilbert	_Owensboro.
J. Scott Harris	_Louisville
Charles Hite	_Russellville.
William Jolly	_Louisville.
Alberta Johnson	_Louisville.
Allen McRoberts	_Lincoln County.
Dulcinea Metcalf	_Louisville.
Birdie Morton	_Paducah.
Stella Mayse	_Louisville.
Annie Magee	_Daviess County.
Marietta Payne	_Louisville.
Arthur Ransom	_Louisville.
Beedie Richardson	Franklin County.
Robert Smith	_Louisville.
Fannie Stephenson	_Louisville.
Mary Van Dyke	_Louisville.
Kate Wheeler	-Jessamine County.
Clara Woods	-Green County.
Ernest Woolridge	

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN REGULARLY EMPLOYED:

A superintendent, B. B. Huntoon, with a salary of \$125.00 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon, with a salary of \$50.00 a month.

A teacher, Miss Clara E. Babcock, with a salary of \$60.00 a month.

A teacher, Miss Susan B. Merwin, with a salary of \$75.00 a month.

A teacher, Miss Lydia Scoggan, with a salary of \$45.00 a month.

A teacher, Irma C. Ruth, with a salary of \$40.00 a month.

A teacher of handicraft, John D. Gregory, Jr., with a salary of \$85.00 a month.

A teacher of sewing, Miss Vernette Scoggan, with a salary of \$45.00 a month.

A teacher, Miss. M. Blye Allan, with a salary of \$40.00 a month.

A teacher of piano tuning, Clifford B. Martin, with a salary of \$45.00 a month.

A teacher of music, Charles Frederick, with a salary of \$100.00 a month.

A teacher of physical training, Miss Olivia E. Henderson, with a salary of \$55.00 a month.

A teacher of music, Miss Julia Purnell, with a salary of \$40.00 a month.

A seamstress, Miss Mary Barret, with a salary of \$35.00 a month.

A boys' governess, Miss Nancy Brooks, with a salary of \$30.00 a month.

A girls' governess, Miss Mary Ferguson, with a salary of \$30.00 a month.

A gardener and engineer, Thomas Lucas, with a salary of \$70.00 a

A fireman and assistant engineer, Herman Breitfield, with a salary of \$45.00 a month.

A houseman, John Owens, with a salary of \$45.00 a month.

A houseman, George Griffin, with a salary of \$35.00 per month.

A cook, Maggie Coughlin, with a salary of \$25.00 a month.

A cook, Maggie Kelly, with a salary of \$25.00 a month.

A laundress, Mrs. Florence Morris, with a salary of \$20.00 a month.

An assistant laundress, Mary Laffey, with a salary of \$18.00 a month.

An assistant laundress, Lena Altegeier, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A chambermaid, Katie Flynn, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A chambermaid, Maggie Flynn, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A chambermaid, Mary Byrnes, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A chambermaid, Margaret Broderick, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A chambermaid, Ellen Thomasson, with a salary of \$10.00 a month.

A dining room girl, Julia Lambert, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A dining room girl, Mary Lambert, with a salary of \$16.00 a month.

A dining room girl, Effie Minton, with a salary of \$10.00 a month.

In the colored department:

A superintendent, Foustin Delany, with a salary of \$60.00 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Mary Delany, with a salary of \$30.00 a month.

A teacher of music, Miss Octavia Wood, with a salary of \$40.00 a month.

A teacher, Miss Lucy Wood, with a salary of \$30.00 a month.

A laundress, Rena Todd, with a salary of \$15.00 a month.

A cook, Malvina Murphy, with a salary of \$15.00 a month.

A houseman, Louis Wood, with a salary of \$25.00 a month.

A houseman, Allen McRoberts, with a salary of \$10.00 a month.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1906	.\$ 1,236 32
Fourth quarter's per cap. of 1906	9,146 61
First quarter's per cap. of 1907	9,325 71
Second quarter's per cap. of 1907	9,301 48
Third quarter's per cap. of 1907	8,869 68
Miscellaneous Receipts	334 55
	\$ 38,204 35
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EXPENSES.	

Total expenses of White Department_____\$ 33,076 61.
Total expenses of Colored Department______ 5,121 21
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1907______ 6 53

\$ 38,204 35

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The work of the school has been conducted with its usual efficiency during the past year.

The members of the Board have at their regular monthly meetings, supervised the running expenses of the school; and, from their occasional visits to the Institution, are able to testify to the careful manner in which the beautiful grounds are preserved, to the exquisite neatness of the interior of the buildings, to the cheerful, intelligent and well disciplined appearance of the children: so that they do not hesitate to believe the statements of their experienced superintendent when he tells them that the teachers are skillful and devoted in their work, that the children are studious and well behaved, and have made commendable progress in their studies, and that everyone employed has been faithful and loyal in the performance of duty.

Therefore, they do not hesitate to assure the parents of those blind children now in school, that their children are well cared for, well taught and enjoying all the opportunities that a wise and generous Commonwealth can provide for them.

While to the far greater number of parents who are keeping their afflicted little ones at home, through unwise indulgence, or through fear that the child might suffer from
unkind treatment, they would say that no greater injury or
greater unkindness could be done to a child than to withhold
from it the inestimable advantages so freely offered by the
State.

The contests of our blind boys in field sports with seeing boys of their age, have taught the public to regard the blind with other feelings than those of pity: while the lesson to the blind has been that industry, integrity, skill, courtesy, co-operation and obedience go far to overcome obstacles.

In the junior athletic meet held in Louisville May 25th, in which twelve schools competed, our boys made 51 out of 97 points, winning first place in six, second place in four and third place in four of the eleven events.

Our first football team, in ten games with outside clubs, tied five, lost three, and won two; while our second team, out of six games, won three, tied two and lost one.

In the last report, the following figures were given showing the average gain among the pupils at the end of the first year of physical training.

AMONG THE BOYS.

In total strength18	3-10) per	cent.
In lung capacity12			
In strength of back12			
In strength of legs31	per	cent.	

AMONG THE GIRLS.

In total strength42 per cent.
In lung capacity44½ per cent.
In strength of back45 per cent.
In strength of legs75 per cent.

The Gymnasium Report for Session ending June 1907 shows the gain for the second year,

BOYS:

Average gain in total strength14	per cent.
Average gain in lung capacity10	per cent.
Average gain in leg strength21.6	per cent.
Average gain in back strength23	per cent.

GIRLS.

Average gain in total strength	12.6 per cent.
Average gain in total lung capacity	10.2 per cen+.
Average gain in total leg strength	24.5 per cent.
Average gain in total back strength	19 per cent.

In the colored department the same progress and increase in numbers and interest that has marked the white department is also conspicuous.

The devoted teacher of music, Miss Octavia Wood, who began her work with the opening of the school for the colored blind, resigned her position last June, very much to the regret of all who knew her work. Miss Elizabeth Minnis was appointed in her place.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

BENNETT H. YOUNG, President.

Report of the Committee on Building Supplies

To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind:

Gentlemen:—Your Committee would respectfully report that, during the past year, they have supervised, as usual, the purchase of supplies for the Institution in all its departments, and have regularly transmitted a monthly statement of their accounts to the Governor of the Commonwealth. A summary of these statements is herewith appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WALTER WALKER, Chairman, T. L. JEFFERSON, HENRY KAUFMAN.

Expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1907.—White Department.

	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
	\$895 00 396 00 202 91 679 69 144 25	\$895 00 396 00 145 25 543 34 153 20	\$895 00 396 00 64 51 440 44 174 17	\$895 00 391 73 103 39 342 42 132 74	\$895 00 400 00 15 55 357 66 124 42	\$895 00 396 00 70 40 393 78 136 76	\$895 00 431 00 361 25 142 47
es, milk and icers, rsrs, milk and icers es, professional services		1		1	1		1 1
Confectioneries	54 45 19 25 147 72	4 80 48 05 34 35 02 35	25 55 64 65 25 00 12 52 34 40	72 12 10 00 16 67 10 00 1	58 97	64 55 5 50 24 58 77 51	112 73 26 25 93 92 2 20
1 141 1			1	1 1		1 1	
Labor not included in pay roll	236 75 73 73 46 01 50 35	23 25 62 60 11 77	49 20 12 51 43 96	94 82 37 15 19 71 21 62	1	70 45 6 25 45 04	144 00 50 26 9 70 2 96
Tuning and repairing musical instruments Water rent Funeral expenses Insurance	25 64	25 05	26 08	27 33	2 50	26.55	1 1
Total	\$4,821 40	\$2,876 52	\$3,235 00		\$2,557 86	\$2,527 80	\$2,673 26

Expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1907 —White Department.

	Tota1	\$9,390 00 4,835 73 4,835 73 1,261 69 2,1561 69 2,1561 69 1,010 54 1,010 54 1,010 54 1,033 45 1,082 77 1,109 22 1,109 22 1,109 22 277 45 685 89 77 01 29 25 1,109 22 1,109 22 1,1	
	September.	\$915 00 415 00 241 47 67 88 110 40 73 00 73 00 19 75 19 75 19 75 19 75 22,924 41	
4	August.	\$210 00 397 00 139 23 72 19 23 53 13 50 10 00 10 00 6 63 348 90 247 50 \$1,472 98	
	July.	127 91 127 91 47 05 29 80 29 80 81 86 81 86 81 86 81 86 81 86 81 86 81 86 81 86	
	June.	\$420 00 \$802 00 \$802 00 \$802 00 \$802 00 \$104 95 \$104 95 \$104 95 \$105 10 \$102 1	
4	May.	1,580 00 448 59 1448 59 1448 59 1448 59 110 55 100 55 1,134 91 1,134 91 1,134 91 1,134 91 1,134 91 1,134 91 1,13 29 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,08 2,09 2,	
		Pay Roll Salaries Pay Roll Wages Dry goods and clothing Groceries Breadstuffs Meat, fowls, fish and game Truits, vegetables, milk and ice Spirituous liquors Drugs, medicines and professional services Confectioneries Fuel and lights Amusements Buildings and repairs Household and kitchen furniture Labor not included in pay roll Expenses on live stock Labor not included in pay roll Books and stationery Postage and traveling expenses Materials for workshop Tuning and repairing musical instruments Water rent Funcal expenses Insurance Insurance Interest Total	

Expenditures for the year ending September 30, 1907.—Colored Department.

	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
D., Roll Colonies	\$100.00	\$180 OO		180 00			
	4100 00	00 0014		00 001	38	00 001	2001
ray Koll Wages	02	00 00		00 00			
Dry goods and clothing	130	1 1 1 1 1 1			- 1	- 1	
Groceries	124						
Breadstuffs	Ξ						
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	51		90 46				
Fruits, vegetables, milk and ice	12 40	12 30		16 43	16 40	15 70	15 00
Spirituous liquors	1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1		1 1	1 1 1
Drugs, medicines, professional services[1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1	1 1 1	
Confectioneries	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1
Fuel and lights	1		1 1 1	1 1 1 1	!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1 1 1	44 94
Amusements		1 1 1		1 1 1		1 1	1 1 1
Buildings and repairs	1 1 1		1 1 1 1	1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1
Household and kitchen furniture	3 17			1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1	
1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1			1 1 1		
Vehicles, tools and implements for the			1 1 1	1 1 1		1 1 1	
- 1	-		1 1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1 1	
Expenses on live stock	-	1 1 1		1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	
Labor not included in pay 10ll[1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1			1 1 1 1	1 1 1	
1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1 1		1 1 1	1 1 1	
enses	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	7 50		1 1 1	7 50	
Materials for workshop	1	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	-		1	
iring musical instrume	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1				
Water rent	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1	1 1 1			
S:	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	 	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1	
Insurance	1			1 1 1 1 1	1		
	1		1	1	()	1	
Total	578 09	426 48	\$459 57	\$390 85 	\$388 64	\$415 28	\$472.30

	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total
Pay Roll Salaries	290 00					1,990,00
Pay Roll Wages.	55 00	110 00		55 00	65 00	740 00
Dry goods and clothing	18 25	1 1 1 1	1 1	i i	- 1	160 89
Groceries	65 49	46 61	27 33	37 33		812 56
Breadstuffs	19 92	7 12	12.00			141 11
Meats, Iowls, nsh, and game	02 00	33 09 1	13 4/	15 51	34 08	591 <i>2</i> 5 155 93
Spirituous liquors) 1) 1
Drugs, medicines, and professional services	41 00		1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1	41 00 TA
Confectioneries	1 9	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1		11
ruel and lights	340 63			1 1 1 1		2/
Amusements	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2 17
Buildings and repairs	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1			1 1 1 1 1	HE /I ?
Tousehold and Kitchen luminume	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1		1 1 1
Vehicles tools and implements for farm and carden	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1		
3	1 1 1 1 1 1		 	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Labor not included in pay roll						
Books and stationery			69 73			69 73
Postage and traveling expenses		7 50	1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	7 50	
Materials for workshop		1 1 1 1			1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1
Tuning and repairing musical instruments	1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1			1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1
Water rent	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1
Funeral expenses	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1 1 1 1 1		1 1 1 1 1 1		 1 1 1 1
Insurance				1	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
Total	\$915 79	\$395 92	\$115 25	\$202 62	\$360 42	\$512 21

STATISTICAL FORM FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Prepared in accordance with a resolution of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, adopted May 15th, 1906.

POPULATION.

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Number of inmates present at beginning of fiscal year	59	63	122
Number received during the year	13	8	21
Number discharged during the year	7	12	19
Number at end of fiscal year			124
Daily average attendance (i. e. number of inmates actu-			
ally present) during the year	57	61	118
Average number of officers and employes during year	11	29	40

EXPENDITURES.

CURRENT EXPENSES.

1.	Salaries and wages\$16,9	55	73
			03
	Subsistence 16,7	04	99
	Ordinary repairs 2,0		
	Office, domestic and outdoor expenses		
	Total\$38,1	99	82

To the Relatives and Friends of the Blind Children of Kentucky.

In almost every State in our Union, there are free schools for the various defective classes.

Kentucky established her school for the blind in 1842, being the eighth school of the kind in the country. There are now forty-two of such schools in the United States, in which were trained last year 4,358 blind children, of whom 142 were in the Kentucky School for the Blind at Louisville. The purpose of the State in founding the school was to give to the child with defective sight as good an education as is offered to the seeing child, and, in addition, to give it instruction in manual training.

In 1884, the General Assembly passed an act providing for the addition of a department in a separate building, and distinct from the whites, for the education of the colored blind children of the State.

In carrying out the purposes of the founders of this public school for the blind, the Board has endeavored to meet the expectations of a wise and beneficent public sentiment. They have tried to follow in the line first marked out by these eminent men who founded and for many years guided the progress of the school. With this end in view, they have secured skillful and devoted teachers, good and faithful servants, improved educational appliances, and have provided that the children under their control shall be properly and kindly cared for in respect to their food, their shelter, their clothing and their health, thus providing the advantages of a high class boarding school, free of cost, for all blind children.

Notwithstanding all this, about 70 per cent of the blind children of Kentucky, between the teachable ages of six and sixteen years of age, are growing up in ignorance, without any share in the great advantages so freely offered by the State.

The American idea for a school for the blind is as far removed from its being an asylum, on the one hand, as it is from its being a hospital for the treatment of diseased eyes, on the other hand.

Its work is strictly educational, and it is established, not out of charity for the afflicted, but from a sense of justice that recognizes the fact that, under the principles of our government, a free education is the birth right of every child in the republic.

A blind child, or one with defective sight, should be sent to school as soon as it can get along without a nurse, say at six or seven years of age. Every year's delay after that time renders the task of its education more difficult and incomplete. From the moment it reaches the scool, the sense of touch has to be persistently trained. The kindergarten, with its great variety of devices and employment for busy fingers, is of inestimable value for this purpose, and the work done by the children in this department arrests the attention and excites the admiration of the most careless visitor.

After the kindergarten, the child studies things and models of things; and in its study of geography, models in sand and clay, the surface of his State and county, and the grand divisions of the globe; he is taught to read and write and cipher, he studies grammar, history, natural philosophy and all the branches of a good education.

If he has any musical ability, it is scientifically and sedulously cultivated, for it is in the practice of the art of music that he can compete with his seeing comrades on more equal terms than in any other occupation.

He is also given instruction in the work-shop, where he learns to cane chairs, make brooms and practice simple upholstery, such as the repairing of lounges and the manufacture of mattresses.

He is also taught to use the saw, the hammer, the chisel and the plane, and learns how to do ordinary carpenter's work.

If he is capable of learning it, he is taught the art of piano tuning, in which art several of our graduates have obtained well-deserved success. Graduates of our school are in charge of the music departments in the school for the blind in Louisiana and Arkansas.

The girls are carefully taught the use of the needle and learn, as they progress, how to patch and darn and mend, how to knit, how to use the sewing machine and how to cut out, fit together and make their own garments.

In this course of study and development, extending over eight or ten years, the blind child gains a confidence in his own power that enables it to overcome, to a great extent, the natural awkwardness of blindness. It has become a youth of intelligence, an agreeable companion, a self-respecting, independent person, familiar with current events, with a well trained mind and familiar with the amenities of civilized life. He is, to a considerable extent, prepared to earn a living for himself.

To withhold from a blind child such opportunities is a serious mistake, while no greater kindness can be shown such a child than to secure for it the advantages of an education. The school year begins the second Wednesday in September and closes the second Wednesday in June, and, at the close, the children are returned to their homes, as it is the desire of the trustees to maintain, as far as possible, the home ties of the child.

The members of the Board will gladly correspond with any person who wishes to learn more of the school, or who desires to learn how to proceed to have a child admitted to the school.

Board of Visitors.

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Terms of Admission.

In respect to the forms to go through to secure the admission of a child to the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, it is only required that the child be of so defective vision as to be unable to get an education in the ordinary schools; that it be of good health and sound mind, and within the ages of six and eighteen, for it must be remembered that the Institution is neither a hospital or an asylum. If the child is destitute, the fact should be so certified by the county Judge, and in that case clothing will be provided. No charge is made for board or tuition. The school session begins on the second Wednesday of June. Pupils will be admitted at any time within these dates, but they are much benefited by beginning promptly at the first of the session. The children all return to their homes in the summer.

If fuller information is desired, it may be had from the Superintendent or from any of the trustees, who will cheerfully correspond with any person wishing to place a blind child in the Institution.

Applicants for Admission Should Answer The Following Questions im Writing.

what is the child's name?
When was the child born?
Where was the child born?
What was the name of the father?
What was the mother's maiden name?
What was the cause of the child's blindness?
How long has its eyes been affected?
How much can the child see?
Are any of the child's kin blind, or have any of them trouble with
their eyes?
If so state who these are
Have the child's eyes ever been examined by an oculist?
If so, when?
What was the name of the oculist?
Has the child been vaccinated?
Is the child of good health and sound mind?
What is the post-office address of the child's parents or guardian?
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where and to whom may a telegraph message concerning the child
be sent?
Who will care for the child during vacation?

Members of the Board of Visitors.

The following is a list of those who have held office in the Board of Visitors since the foundation of the Institution.

W E Bullock	1942 +-	1061	o .a1	£	1072	4-	1000
W. F. Bullock T. S. Bell, M. D	1042 to	1004,	and	110111	10/3	to	1009
Samuel Casseday	1042 10	1000					
John I Jacob	1044 10	1049					
John I. Jacob James Pickett	1042 10	1040					
Bryce M. Patton	1042 10	1043 1042					
Edward Jarvis, M. D.	1042 (1043					
William Richardson	1942 40	1043					
Garnet Duncan	1042 10	1047					
Rev. George W. Brush			o as d	fuom	1964	+	1967
Charles J. Clark	1043 (0	1043	and	from	1004	10	1007
Rev. Edw. P. Humphrey, D. D. Wm. F. Pettit	1946 +0	1030					
Wm. Kendrick	1040 (0	1049	and	from	1064	+0	1990
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Lewis RuffnerBland Ballard	1049 (0	1050					
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Rev. R. J. Breckenridge, D. D.	1052 40	1056					
William Tanner	1056 40	1050					
William S. Bodley							
Wm. Garnet	100/ (0	1960					
John Milton	1000 ii	1000					
John G. Barret	1004 10	1067					
Rev. John L. McKee, D. D.							
Rev. D. P. Henderson, D. D.	1064 +0	1965					
Floyd Parks	1865 to	1867					
W. B. Belknap	1867 +0	1007					
James Harrison	1007 10	1860			•		
S. A. Atchison	1007 10	1009					
Hon. Henry J. Stites Hon. Thos. F. Bramlette	1860 +	1975					
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J. B. McFerran	1009 to	1874					
Hon. Alfred T. Pope	1973 to	1876					
Z. M. Sherley	1973 to	1880					
G. H. CochranRev. J. H. Heywood	1970 to	1880	2111	from	1889	to	1895
T. J. Jefferson	1874 +	1884	and	110111	1002	to	10)0
T. L. Jefferson	1975 to	1889					
W. N. Haldeman	1880 ±0	1804					
John A. Carter John P. Morton	1880 to	1888					
Hon. A. A. Stoll	1884 to	1888					
Thos. D. Osborne	1885 to	1888	and	from	1904	tο	
Rt. Rev. T. U. Dudley, D. D	1888 to	1896	and	from	1902	to	1904
Rt. Rev. 1. U. Dudley, D. D	1886 to	1896	and	11 0111	1702		1,01
Hon. A. P. Humphrey	1888 to	1896					
Hon. James S. Pirtle	1888 to	1896					
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Col. Chas. F. Johnson	1888 to	1801					-
Benj. Bayless	1888 to	1896					
Robert Cochran	1889 to	1896					
Oscar Fenley	1801 to	1806					
Wm. A. Robinson	1896 to	1900					
Col. Andrew Cowan	1000 10	1,700					

Chas. T. Ballard	1896	to	1900
Dr. Wm. Cheatham	1896	to	1900
James A. Leach			
Dr. L. S. McMurtry	1896	to	1900
Rev. A. Moses, D. D.	1896	to	1902
M. Muldoon	1896	to	1900
Logan C. Murray			
Hon. A. E. Willson			
Col. Bennett H. Young			
Thos. L. Jefferson			
Dr. James B. Steedman			
Walter Walker			
Henry Y. Offutt	1900		
Hon. Henry S. Barker			
Dr. Frank C. Simpson	1900		
Col. Zack Phelps	1900	to	1902
Henry Kaufman	1902		

The Office of President has been held by

Hon. Wm. F. Bullock	1842 to	1864,	and	from	1885	to	1888
Dr. T. S. Bell	1864 to	1885					
Hon. James S. Pirtle.	1888 to	1896					
Col. Andrew Cowan							
Col. Bennett H. Young	1900						

The Office of Treasurer has been held as follows:

Samuel Casseday1842	·to	1843
William Richardson1843	to	1854
John Milton1854	to	1860
John G. Barret1860	to	1890
Will S. Parker1890	to	1899
Logan C. Murray1899	to	1900
Thos. L. Jefferson1900		

The Office of Superintendent.

The office of superintendent was held by Bryce M. Patton from 1842 to 1871. The present incumbent, B. B. Huntoon, has held office since 1871.











